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Stated Meeting, December 20th, 1872.

Present, 13 members.

Vice President, Prof. J. CRESSON, in the Chair.

A letter from the Librarian of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, dated Philadelphia, Dec. 13, was read, requesting the completion of their set of Transactions and Proceedings A. P. S., which on motion was granted, and the Librarian authorized to act accordingly.

Letters of similar import from the Cornell University and State Normal School at Fredonia, were on motion referred to the Publication Committee with power to act.

A letter of envoy was received from Mr. Thomas Bland, New York, 42 Pine Street, Dec. 16th, on the part of Gov. Rawson, of Barbadoes, presenting to the Society's Library a copy of his report on the population of the island.

The death of a member, Mr. Thomas Sully, at Philadelphia, on the 6th ult., aged 89 years, was announced by the Secretary.

The death of a member, Dr. Renè La Roche, at Philadelphia, on the 9th inst., aged 77 years, was announced by Mr. Fraley, and on motion, Dr. Carson was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

The death of a member, Dr. Samuel L. Hollingsworth, at Philadelphia, on the 14th inst., aged 57 years, was announced by Mr. Fraley.

Mr. Cope desired to place on record an abstract, which he communicated orally, of a paper on the Zoological Divisions of the Earth, as proposed by Slater, Huxley and others, giving his preference to that of Slater, and citing the numbers of species, etc., already described.

Dr. Wilcox exhibited a Japanese Magic Mirror, the property of E. C. Bittinger, U. S. N., and carrying on its back side the inscription "Elevation—In the dust." He read two letters written by Prof. John Tyndall to Mr. Alex. Johnson, in answer to a request for an explanation of the physical phenomena of these mirrors, used in the Buddhist cultus.

Prof. Marsh gave a short account of the more remarkable results of his explorations in the Rocky Mountains since

1870, viz.: His discovery of the first American fossil pterodactyles, cheiroptera, marsupials, birds with biconcave vertebræ, monkeys (eocene) of low type, and dinoceria, a new order of horned proboscidians with canine teeth.

Prof. Cope dissented from the propriety of at present erecting the proboscidians so discovered into a separate order, merely on the ground of their possessing horns and canines, and gave his reasons.

Prof. Marsh also gave an interesting account of Mr. Clarence King's detection and exposure of the "Arizona Diamond Fraud," and his own observations of the locality, which is actually in Colorado, and not in Arizona. Had the fraud not been exposed by the prompt energy of Mr. King before the setting in of the deep snows, great suffering and loss of life and a vast plunder of property would have ensued.

The Report of the Committee of Finance was read by its Chairman, and the appropriations for the ensuing year recommended therein, were on motion ordered:

Salary of Librarian	$700
Salary of Assistant Librarian	300
Salary of Janitor	100
Binding Books	200
Subscription to Journals	50
Insurance	200
Hall Committee	200
Petty expenses of Librarian	150
Publications in addition to the interest on the Publication Fund	2,500
General Expenses, including the Commissions of the Treasurer	860
	$5,310

Pending nominations, Nos. 703 to 712, and new nominations, 713, 714, were read.

Mr. Fraley reported the receipt of fr. 694.50 from Drexel, Hayes & Co., agents of the Society in Paris, being interest on French Rentes placed to the credit of the Michaux Legacy Fund, of which fund, he explained, $300 had already been paid to the Park Commissioners to defray expenses in establishing the Michaux Grove in the City Park at Fairmount.

The meeting was then adjourned.